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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Satoshi OKADA

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For: CHARACTER DISPLAY APPARATUS AND  
CHARACTER DISPLAY METHOD,  
CONTROL PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING  
THE CHARACTER DISPLAY METHOD AND  
RECORD MEDIUM RECORDING THE  
CONTROL PROGRAM

Examiner: J. B. Amin

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

I, Satoshi Okada, hereby declare that:

1. I am the Inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406.

2. I am aware of the prosecution history of United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406, which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2005, based upon International Application PCT/JP03/01818 filed in Japan on February 19, 2003, and that a claim of Priority of Application No. 2002-48258, filed in Japan on

February 25, 2002 was claimed under 35 USC § 119 in United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406.

3. The subject matter of United States Patent Application No. 10/505,406 is included in Application No. 2002-48258, filed in Japan on February 25, 2002.

4. To my knowledge, and in view of the factual evidence supplied herewith, the present invention was conceived in Japan prior to January 9, 2002, the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 7,006,096. This fact is evidenced by the attached copy of a PROPOSAL OF AN INVENTION (an English translation of which is attached also) which I prepared as to Japanese Application No. 2002-48258, and the attached translation of Japanese Application No. 2002-48258. The copy of the PROPOSAL OF AN INVENTION includes the following:

(i) A cover sheet including a preparation date of September 28, 2001; Title of the invention: Character Display Apparatus, Character Display Method, Recording Medium, and Program; reference No. of 01J04534; Names of Inventor: OKADA, Satoshi; A short summary; A stamp by IP section showing it was received on October 21, 001; A stamp by KOTANI, Akio who is a chief of the inventor's section; (A stamp by NISHITANI, Motohide, who is a person in charge of the IP section of SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA).

(ii) An assignment executed by the Inventor showing a date of September 28, 2001.

(iii) Twelve (12) pages of the specification draft, the first page thereof showing the reference No. of 01J04534.

(iv) Thirteen (13) sheets of drawings including Figs. 1-13.

5. I declare that all the above identified acts were carried out in Japan, a WTO member country.

6. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

8/21, 2007  
Date

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